

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 25, 2006 reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested. (This reply is being filed on October 25, 2006 along with a petition for a two-month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.)

**AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.